

AN APPEAL

TO THE MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

THE object of the present appeal, is with all possible brevity and simplicity, to demonstrate that a steadfast adherence to the course to which the synod is solemnly pledged, by its own public and reiterated declarations, is the only one consistent with Christian principle and sound ecclesiastical policy, which is left open to adoption, and affords the only ground of hope, that the immediate disruption, perhaps the ultimate dissolution and ruin of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, can be effectually prevented.

That we may exhibit a clear and comprehensive view of the whole subject, in such a form and order, as to bring within a moderate compass, all the main facts and arguments involved in the question, and which must be borne in mind in forming a sound judgment of its merits; it will be proper first of all to expound, briefly, the great principles which lie at the foundation of the controversy, to ascertain how far their truth and importance, their conformity to scripture, and their essential bearing upon the vital interests of the Christian Church, *impose upon all a moral obligation* to defend and maintain them, and to sympathize and co-operate with those who may be called in the providence of God to strive and to suffer in their vindication.— We shall next show that the synod are called by a